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Just some thoughts - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/8/15 9:53

Greetings

GOD says do not worry about tomorrow for you only have today(Matthew 6:34) So how should "what if" scenarios fit into my daily walk? How should my time be spent in considering "what if" scenarios?

In the moment I can pray and seek GOD, I can ask HIS will on a matter. It takes but seconds to pray "GUIDE ME LORD" and then walk out what HE has for me. If JESUS is LORD of my life, in all things then how should I respond to things that come up in life, should it be with prayer or a predetermined plan on my part?

GOD Bless
maryjane

Re: Just some thoughts - posted by romanchog (), on: 2014/8/15 21:04

Wonderful questions, MaryJane.

As I see it, we are not told not to plan, only to ask the Lord's will and to submit the plan to the Lord for Him to change it as He wills.

From James Chapter 4:

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It is arrogance to make plans without God, for we do not know what tomorrow brings. Notice though, that it is acceptable to say, "IF THE LORD WILLS," I will do this or that. It expresses our humility and our understanding that though we may plan we are not the ones that ultimately determine our future and our life.

In Christ,
Natalie

Re: Just some thoughts - posted by crusader (), on: 2014/8/17 8:14

Hi MaryJane

i have had the honour to meet an old man that lives totally on the reliance of the Lord. In all my years as a christian he is the only man i have seen personally do this. He lives about 20 kms out of the city on freehold land with out electricity and water. doesn't take welfare and doesn't have any income from a job. everyday he travels to the city and spends the whole day volunteering his time feeding the homeless at welfare centres, preaching the word of God and cleaning up after everyone. The light of christ that is in this man is amazing and when he prays for you you can feel the authority of the Lord.

Everytime i see him, all i can think about is John the baptists life. He never asks for anything and when he finds money he gives it to others straight away. I noticed that different people who come into contact with him even strangers, pick him up when they see him walking to and from the city on many occasions. Some people drop off water bottles and others fruit and vegetables.

in all the time that i have known him, his conversations are about how he and the lord had a good walk together today and how the Lord directed him to share the gospel with different people in the city.

I gave him 200 dollars one day and as i gave it too him he raised it to heaven and asked the lord what to do with it. when he finished with the prayer he walked around the corner and gave it to one of the workers. the worker later told me that his car broke down and he didn't have the money to pay for it and prayed about it earlier that day. the amount owing was 200 dollars.

What i have learned personally from this old man and how the lord uses him is that my planning gets in the way of Gods planning and if i would only allow him to steer me everyday the spiritual blessings would be priceless.

I am not walking as this old man does but i long to do so. I no longer care about material things as much as i did before i met him.

sorry if i rambled on but reading your post reminded me of this. Peace and Love Karl

Re: - posted by SteveHale (), on: 2014/8/17 21:40

G'day Karl,

I love your testimony about the old man, I have tears welling up while reading of such a man of God. May we all be such peculiar people as this man, leaving the fragrance of Christ where ever we go. I noticed you are also from Australia, may I ask what town does this man live in?

Blessings Steve

PS. Natalie, you seem like wise woman of God. May He bless you.

Re: - posted by tbsounde2 (), on: 2014/8/17 23:16

Thank you so much Karl for sharing such an amazing story. Definitely edified, encouraged, and reminded of what it means to walk in faith with the Lord. Wow, hallelujah!

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/8/17 23:20

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Very true. I once gave a sermon on this very verse from James. To me it is not just to say with our mouth. New Covenant is internal. God cares less about our confession of mouth if our heart is different. The internal meaning of this verse is we should be ready to lose or give up the plan if it appears that it is not God's will. No matter how profitable it appears to our eyes, we should not desire something that is not God's will in our life.

If we have such a heart and also a confessing tongue then we are following James 4:13.

Re: , on: 2014/8/18 1:52

Karl,
Thank you for sharing that story about the old man. I hope you don't mind but I shared this on my facebook page and credited the story to "Karl from Australia".

Blessings to you brother!

Re: - posted by crusader (), on: 2014/8/18 5:42

hi Steve

i current am living in Adelaide South Australia.

I am Glad that this mans testimony has touched your hearts as it does me. I could wright a whole book on his life but he would not like that as he would say that it would only help people focus on man rather then the Lord. I disagree though as it is an amazing testimony. I personally am so convicted of my wants towards material things now. he eats anything th at is given to him and raises it to God for his blessing. we Started a Bible study group together and although i was supos e to lead the group, i couldnt help but stop and listen to him explain the amazing wonder of Gods mercy and grace towar ds us and the battle of our fleshly nature against God. I use to watch him whilst he was feeding the homeless and he wo uld always point them to God to get there needs. Many times he has been abused verbally and one time he was punche d to the ground. it was these moments that i saw Jesus being punished on the cross.

I personally at 42 years old are struggling with trying to live a life with out this same servitude so that jesus can use all of me rather then just the parts i am willing to give to him. the reason being is my heart is about seeing people set free. It h urts me so much to witness satans wrath upon people and what depths his slavery leads them.

Cheers Karl

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/8/18 6:53

thanks for telling stor karl,,your blessed no such a man

im from townsville,, i wish i could fellow ship with old fellow like that

Re: - posted by jujashan4 (), on: 2014/8/18 7:56

Thanks also Karl.

Seems like a few Aussies on here eh. I live in Ipswich, near Brisbane but was originally from NZ. If any of you are in this area get in touch if you like. afwales@hotmail.com

Love in the Lord

Andrew

Re: - posted by crusader (), on: 2014/8/18 8:30

im glad his testimony blessed people. im always contactable via my email hem0sam@hotmail.com and love to chat. i ha ve lived all over australia perth, darwin, cairns, brisbane, sydney and now adelaide. with the old mans permission whos name is Brian i hopefully can write a post of all the things i saw and witnessed with him and how he became a christian. i look at him as a father in the faith but strangley many Christians don't see him in that light all they see is an old man who is different then everyone and yet the street people and those in spiritual need love him.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/8/18 9:31

Greetings

Thank you all for sharing what the LORD has placed on your heart. I do know many brother/sisters in CHRIST who live their lives daily unto the LORD seeking to walk with HIM and responding to HIM in all things.

I am at times amazed at their faith, the depth of that faith that allows them to get up each morning and seek ye first the KINGDOM of GOD without regard for self.

There have been many threads around the forum discussing "what if" scenarios and as I consider these things I always want to be mindful that the LORD is in control always and of everything. Nothing ever takes HIM by surprise. With that in mind I want to pray and seek HIM in all things. I believe we live in a time when the days are growing darker and will get darker still, but I realize there is no need to fear or worry. I realize as these situations come up there are many opportunities to see the LORD JESUS lifted up and glorified.

God bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by crusader (), on: 2014/8/18 10:07

Amen me too :)